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SUBJECT: UGANDAN FOREIGN MINISTRY EXPRESSES PLEASURE OVER
RESULTS OF UGANDAN BILL HEARINGS

REF: A) NAIROBI 2884; B) BONN 3159; C) STATE 48130;
D) STATE 47539

1. AS INDICATED IN REFTELS C AND D, WE BELIEVE IT IS
EXTREMELY PREMATURE FOR UGANDAN GOVERNMENT TO CONCLUDE THAT
BOYCOTT BILLS HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE DEFEATED, DESPITE
ADMINISTRATION OPPOSITION. IN FACT, DEPARTMENT'S OWN
ESTIMATION REMAINS THAT BILLS HAVE SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT
WITHIN CONGRESS AND THAT, WERE THEY CLEARED FOR FLOOR
ACTION IN EITHER HOUSE OR SENATE NOW, THEY WOULD PASS BY
LARGE MARGINS -- ALTHOUGH IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER
BILLS WILL OVERCOME THE MANY PARLIAMENTARY HURDLES REMAIN-
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ING BEFORE THEY COULD BE BROUGHT UP FOR CONSIDERATION
BY FULL HOUSE AND SENATE.

2. WE FURTHER BELIEVE THAT PUBLIC CROWING BY UGANDAN
GOVERNMENT OVER PRESUMED DEFEAT OF BILLS AT THIS STAGE WILL
ONLY FURTHER ENHANCE THEIR CHANCES OF PASSAGE. AS INDICATED
REFTEL C, WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO MAKE THIS POINT WITH UGANDAN

CHARGE HERE. AMBASSADOR FROEWIS MAY WISH TO MAKE SAME

POINTS WITH UGANDAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AT SUITABLE
OPPORTUNITY.

3. FOR BONN: SUGGEST YOU BRIEF FRG FONMIN ON SUBSTANCE
OF THIS EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES AS FOLLOWUP TO REFTEL C,
AND ASK THAT OUR VIEWS BE PASSED TO AMBASSADOR FROEWIS.

4. FOR NAIROBI: WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF YOU
WISHED TO TELEPHONE FROEWIS TO PASS ESSENCE OF PARA ONE
IN MORE TIMELY FASHION. VANCE

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